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## LA FOLLETTE RAPS NAVY INCREASE

### Claims Conditions Confronting Nation Do Not Warrant It

### Bitterly Assails Preparedness From Standpoint Of Finance

Washington, July 20.—Senator La Follette, discussing the naval appropriation bill, made an attack on the general preparedness program. He held it the product of agitation by moneyed interests, aided by the metropolitan press.

Most of the session was taken up with an unsuccessful fight by Senators Oliver and Penrose on the section of the bill providing for a \$11,000,000 government armor plant. By a vote of 51 to 17 the senate defeated a motion to strike out the section, and then voted down, 49 to 16, the Oliver amendment to refer the armor controversy to the federal trade commission for settlement.

Senator La Follette contended vigorously that neither conditions confronting the nation nor the testimony given before the congressional naval committees warranted the proposed navy increases.

"A total of \$844,000,000 is the load that goes on the bended backs of the American people," he declared. "Why is this to be done? If it is necessary now, why was it not necessary four years ago? You know then what was the naval and military strength of all of the foreign countries, but the interests had not been appealed to then. Bethlehem Steel at 40 was not Bethlehem Steel at 90. The interests behind this preparedness plan do not fear Germany or England. The plan merely fits into their imperialistic schemes."

#### Charges Corruption.

The senator charged that men had been forced into preparedness parades under threats of having their wages reduced. Workingmen in Washington, he said, had told him

they marched in the demonstration here for that reason. The larger newspapers of the country, he declared, were influenced by the advertising of the "interests" behind the preparedness propaganda to devote most space to the testimony of witnesses before the congressional committees who favored preparedness.

"A cheat of a business man can get a column and a half on the front page if he will boost preparedness," he shouted, "but General Weaver, who speaks against it, can not get a line."

Senator La Follette quoted voluminously from reports of the committee hearings to prove that the navy is in better shape than preparedness advocates make it appear. He insisted that it is stronger than Germany's navy and pointed out that Germany, with a navy about 20% as large as England's, had been able to prevent an invasion of her territory.

Senators Oliver and Penrose, speaking against the armor plate plant proposal, insisted that it simply would mean a waste of money now that the Bethlehem Steel company has offered to furnish plate at a price to be set by the federal trade commission.

Senator Harding voted in favor of striking out of the naval appropriation bill the provision for establishment of a government armor plate factory. "I have a conviction," he said, "that everything the government is doing has a tendency to increase the cost of production."

#### Man and Wife Acquitted.

Bellefontaine, O., July 20.—A jury found Mr. and Mrs. Sample Wren not guilty of having knowingly received stolen goods as charged in an indictment.

## DEUTSCHLAND ALL READY TO TAKE DEPARTURE

Baltimore, July 20.—The submarine Deutschland will, it is believed, depart soon from this port. There is evidence that the vessel is ready to make the dash for Germany. The berth now occupied by the Deutschland will be taken by her sister submarine, the Bremen, which, it was said authoritatively, will arrive in Chesapeake bay next Sunday. A large amount of provisions has been taken aboard the Deutschland and the long-awaited consignment of fuel oil has arrived. Every attempt at secrecy is still being made. The much discussed

bag of mail from the German embassy has been turned over to Captain Koenig.

At midnight the two spars of the Deutschland were taken down and the conning tower closed.

**Wants Hughes at Ohio State Fair.**  
New York, July 20.—Representative Simeon D. Fess of Ohio extended in person today an invitation to Charles E. Hughes, candidate for president, to attend the Ohio State fair and deliver an address on Aug. 30. In doing so, Dr. Fess represented the Ohio State Fair association.

## RECLUSE IS DEAD

Washington C. H., O., July 20.—Guarded by her big watch dog, the body of Elizabeth Wisecup, fifty-eight, was found in an old log cabin two miles east of here, where she lived alone. Marks on the body indicated that the woman may have been the victim of foul play. The coroner, who said she had been ill several days, is making a rigid investigation.

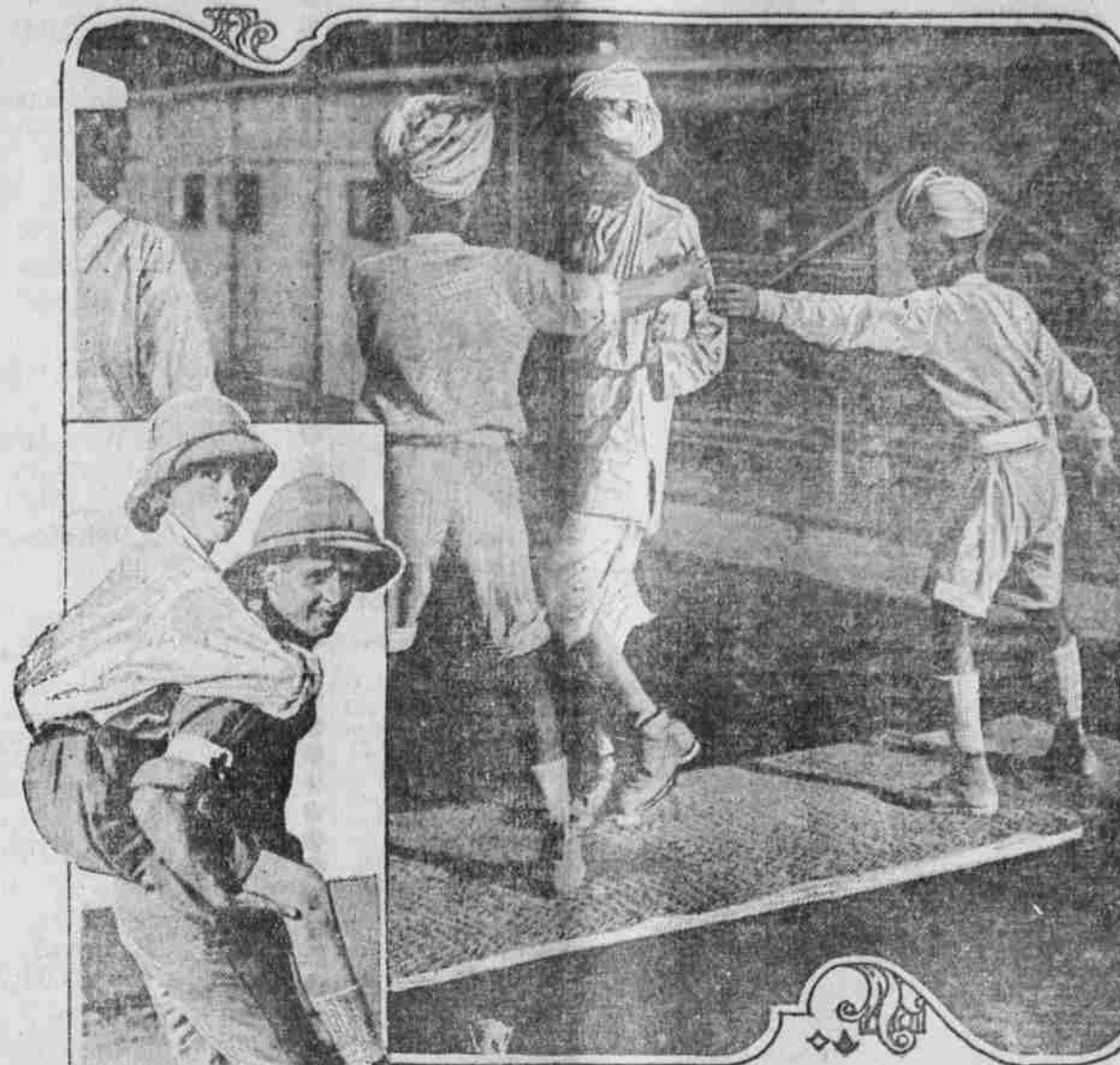
A sunny temper glides the edges of life's blackest cloud.—Guthrie.

## FRAUD IS CHARGED

Findlay, O., July 20.—Further litigation involving the Toledo-Findlay Tire and Rubber company developed when Marion Kelley, a stockholder, filed suit against Silas W. Dreisbach, a stock salesman, charging fraud in the sale of stock and asking for damages. The company is now in the hands of the court, a receiver operating it.

It is not posterity, but your actions, that will perpetuate your memory.—Bonaparte.

## OFFICIAL PHOTOS SHOW HOW BRITISH AT KUT HELD OUT UNTIL NEAR STARVATION



Striking testimony to the grim endurance which General Townsend and his gallant troops at Kut-el-Amara had held out in the face of suffering and privation was afforded by the emaciated condition of the sick and wounded who were magnanimously permitted by the Turkish com-

mander to be sent through to the additional gains for the Russians. The picture herewith shows Indian "walking cases" tenderly assisted by a line of helpers. The inserted picture depicts a Red Cross orderly carrying an Asian soldier on his back to the hospital tents.

## MARSHAL FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Medina, O., July 20.—Marshal Henry L. Blakelee was found guilty of manslaughter in the killing here April 18 of Night Watchman John H. Gates. Blakelee will ask for a new trial. Gates was shot to death in the street early in the morning. Blakelee was found wounded in a haymow. He confessed to shooting Gates and to at-

tempting suicide. He claimed self-defense. The two men had been enemies following Blakelee's defeating Gates for marshal last fall.

The only competition worthy a wise man is with himself.—Mrs. Jameson.

## FARMER SHOT; FALLS DEAD ON BOAT

Portsmouth, O., July 20.—Madison Powell, sixty-seven, bachelor, one of Scioto county's richest farmers, was found dead at his home near Lucasville. He was shot through the heart. The body was found by F. M. Nelson, an employee. Powell had a hammer clamped in his hand. About \$400 is missing.

Gallipoli, O., July 20.—Captain Edward Woodward of this city, forty-eight, superintendent of the Otto Marmet line of towboats and one of the best known towboat commanders in the Cincinnati and Kanawha river trade, fell dead on board the steamer Little Marmet, at Raymond City.

## NINE CASES SMALLPOX

Cleveland, July 20.—Health Officer Bishop quarantined the Protestant orphanage, after Dr. Martin Friedrich had diagnosed illness of nine children as smallpox. Eighty children are in the home, according to Superintendent E. J. Henry. He said only one child was ill in bed.

**Unreasonable.**  
Mrs. Sharpe (severely)—Norah, I can find only seven of these plates. Where are the other five? Cook (in surprise)—Sure, mum, don't ye make no allowance for ordinary wear an' tear?

## \$120,000 IN TAXES

Findlay, O., July 20.—One corporation paid two-thirds of Findlay's taxes when the Ohio Oil company gave nearly \$120,000 to the county treasurer. The \$15,000,000 corporation has returned the greater part of its property in Findlay for taxation.

**Railroad Sold For \$45,000,000.**  
St. Louis, July 20.—Basili B. Elmer and William Phillips, representing New York bondholders, Speyer & Company and J. & W. Seligmann & Company, purchased the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad at auction here. The sale price was \$45,700,200.

## WILL BE WEEK BEFORE OHIO TROOPS ENTRAIN

Nearly 4,000 of 12,000 Guards  
men "Weeded Out."

Columbus, July 20.—If Ohio regiments are to be fitted out with equipment "C" before leaving for the border, it probably will be at least a week, perhaps a month, before any Buckeye troops entrain. Colonel Dufman, quartermaster general, said that no railroad cars to haul troops to the border will be in Columbus for a week, under present orders.

After having weeded out nearly 4,000 of the 12,000 Ohio guardsmen who reported to the Upper Arlington mobilization camp, federal examiners expect to complete their work late today.

The population of Camp Willis has been reduced from about 13,000 soldiers to 8,359 by physical examination. The musterings out of married men and desertions. Men absent without leave who are brought back to camp are being fined \$2 and given two days at hard labor. Those caught and brought back after an absence of ten days or more will be court-martialed and possibly given a term in the federal pen at Fort Leavenworth.

Colonel J. Guy Deming of the Second regiment reports that one captain, G. M. Radabaugh of Company K, St. Marys, and a number of the Second's lieutenants, were eliminated by the examiners.

A record was broken when three companies of the Second, C of Lima, L of Sycamore and I of Kenton, got by without a man being disqualified because of eyesight.

War department officials wired that by the time the Ohio troops are ready to go to the border there will be four sleepers for all. These sleepers will not all be at Camp Willis, awaiting the order to send the troops, but they can be assembled on short notice.

Ohio troops will be paid at Columbus before leaving for the border. This was the positive conclusion reached by Senator Pomerene in a conference he had with Secretary of War Baker.

**Allies Hurt 10,500,000 Shells.**  
London, July 20.—Half a million shells daily since June 27, or a total of about 10,500,000, have been hurled on the German lines by the British.

## NO ABATEMENT IN THE STRUGGLE

British Recover Most of Ground  
Lost in the Somme.

## FRENCH REPORT PROGRESS

Capture Several German Trenches South of the River—Teutons Bombarding French Positions in the Verdun Sector—Hindenburg's Men Repulse Slav Onslaughts—Operations On Other Battle Fronts.

London, July 20.—The Russians in the vicinity of Riga are hammering hard with infantry and artillery Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's forces, but according to Berlin all their attacks thus far have failed, with heavy losses. Further south, in Volhynia, the Russians along the Stokhod river and to the west and southwest of Lutsk, are heavily bombarding the positions of the Teutonic allies.

While Petrograd asserts that the Russians in Galicia are advancing toward the passes of the Carpathian mountains, leading to the plains of Hungary, Vienna says that southwest of Delatyn the Austrians have driven the Russians back across the River Pruth.

German naval aircraft have dropped a large number of bombs on Reval, in the Gulf of Finland, causing, according to Berlin, damage to Russian cruisers, troop boats and submarines in the gulf and to military establishments on land.

In Asia Minor, south of Trebizond, British lines in order to receive adequate medical attention. The larger picture herewith shows Indian "walking cases" tenderly assisted by a line of helpers. The inserted picture depicts a Red Cross orderly carrying an Asian soldier on his back to the hospital tents.

#### British Recapture Positions.

There has been no abatement in the sanguinary struggle between the British and Germans north of the Somme, which began Tuesday, after a German bombardment and an attack by heavy infantry forces which gave to the Teutons the village of Longueval and Delville wood.

In counter attacks the British succeeded in regaining most of the territory they had lost, and, in addition, dispersed with their artillery fire a large body of Germans who were massing for another attack to the south of Delville wood. Hard fighting is still going on in this sector. To the south of the Somme the French report the capture of several German trenches.

Around Verdun, in the region of Hill 304 and on the Fleury sector, the German troops are heavily bombarding the French positions, probably presaging the usual infantry attacks.

## LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

**EAST BUFFALO, July 20.**  
Cattle—Shipping steers, \$8.00; butcher steers, \$7.00; hogs, \$6.00; cows, \$4.00; pigs, \$3.00; sheep, \$2.00; chickens, \$1.00; turkeys, \$1.50; ducks, \$1.00; geese, \$1.00; rabbits, \$1.00; cats, \$1.00; dogs, \$1.00; horses, \$1.00; mules, \$1.00; ponies, \$1.00; goats, \$1.00; deer, \$1.00; wild game, \$1.00; fish, \$1.00; shellfish, \$1.00; fruit, \$1.00; vegetables, \$1.00; flowers, \$1.00; other goods, \$1.00.

**CHICAGO, July 20.**  
Cattle—Native beef steers, \$9.00; hogs, \$8.00; sheep, \$7.00; chickens, \$1.00; turkeys, \$1.50; ducks, \$1.00; geese, \$1.00; rabbits, \$1.00; cats, \$1.00; dogs, \$1.00; horses, \$1.00; mules, \$1.00; ponies, \$1.00; goats, \$1.00; deer, \$1.00; wild game, \$1.00; fish, \$1.00; shellfish, \$1.00; fruit, \$1.00; vegetables, \$1.00; flowers, \$1.00; other goods, \$1.00.

**CLEVELAND, July 20.**  
Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$8.00; hogs, \$7.00; sheep, \$6.00; chickens, \$1.00; turkeys, \$1.50; ducks, \$1.00; geese, \$1.00; rabbits, \$1.00; cats, \$1.00; dogs, \$1.00; horses, \$1.00; mules, \$1.00; ponies, \$1.00; goats, \$1.00; deer, \$1.00; wild game, \$1.00; fish, \$1.00; shellfish, \$1.00; fruit, \$1.00; vegetables, \$1.00; flowers, \$1.00; other goods, \$1.00.

**PITTSBURGH, July 20.**  
Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$8.00; hogs, \$7.00; sheep, \$6.00; chickens, \$1.00; turkeys, \$1.50; ducks, \$1.00; geese, \$1.00; rabbits, \$1.00; cats, \$1.00; dogs, \$1.00; horses, \$1.00; mules, \$1.00; ponies, \$1.00; goats, \$1.00; deer, \$1.00; wild game, \$1.00; fish, \$1.00; shellfish, \$1.00; fruit, \$1.00; vegetables, \$1.00; flowers, \$1.00; other goods, \$1.00.

**CINCINNATI, July 20.**  
Cattle—Steers, \$8.00; hogs, \$7.00; sheep, \$6.00; chickens, \$1.00; turkeys, \$1.50; ducks, \$1.00; geese, \$1.00; rabbits, \$1.00; cats, \$1.00; dogs, \$1.00; horses, \$1.00; mules, \$1.00; ponies, \$1.00; goats, \$1.00; deer, \$1.00; wild game, \$1.00; fish, \$1.00; shellfish, \$1.00; fruit, \$1.00; vegetables, \$1.00; flowers, \$1.00; other goods, \$1.00.

## BANDITS ARE REPULSED

Villa Followers And Bandits  
Are Beaten Off

Attack Carranza Supply Train  
and Kill Six Soldiers.

## MAIN BAND SORELY PRESSED

Eight Hundred Followers of Bandit Leader Making Their Way Toward the Durango Border Pursued by General Ramos' Troops—Conference at Washington Reports Progress—Mexican Situation.

El Paso, Tex., July 20.—According to private dispatches received here, six government soldiers were killed in the Villa attack upon a Carranza supply train at Palomas, Chihuahua. The bandits, it is added, were driven off.

Other reports reaching here said that a band of about fifty outlaws, under Nicholas Hernandez, also is operating in the vicinity of Palomas, which is about thirty-three miles southwest of Chihuahua City and fifteen miles east of Santa Ysabel. It is believed here that the remnants of the band under Martin Lopez, which was beaten off by the train guard in the attack, may attempt to effect a junction with this command. Lopez is a brother of Pablo Lopez, recently executed at Chihuahua City, for participation in the massacre of eighteen Americans at Santa Ysabel last January.

The dispatches reaching here said that the Villa followers had been able to seize none of the supplies and indicate that their dead numbered seven. The main band of Villa followers, making its way through the Rio Florida bottoms toward the Durango border, consists of less than 800 men, and is being sorely pressed by General Matias Ramos' troops, according to Mexican reports.

## PROGRESS REPORTED

Acting Secretary Polk and Mexican Ambassador Hold Meetings.

Washington, July 20.—Preliminary negotiations between Acting Secretary Polk and Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, for peaceful settlement of border difficulties, progressed so well that a formal announcement "very soon" as to the course to be followed was officially predicted.

The conferees met twice. Later Mr. Arredondo telegraphed a report to his government and Mr. Polk prepared a similar report for Secretary Lansing, now on his vacation, and probably will talk the situation over with President Wilson.

Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador designate to Mexico, was present at both conferences, interpreting whenever it was necessary to insure a clear understanding. It is understood the discussions dealt particularly with the powers to be conferred upon a joint commission should that plan of settlement be followed.

## SHOT BY BANDITS

Cleveland, July 20.—H. F. Meyer was shot and probably fatally wounded in front of his home in Lakewood by a pair of early taxicab bandits. Meyer was shot in the abdomen when he showed fight. The bandits escaped.

**Three Russian Transports Sunk.**  
Berlin, July 20.—Three large enemy transports were sunk by submarines in the eastern part of the Black sea and a fourth was forced to run ashore, according to an official statement from the Turkish admiralty received here. Since the Grand Duke Nicholas assumed command in the Caucasus and began his offensive, the Russians have moved many thousands of troops to the Caucasus by steamer rather than by marches overland.